



# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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*Robert Burke, First Selectman*  
*Paul Szatkowski, Selectman*  
*Kevin L. Cleary, Selectman*

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TOWN OF BETHEL  
TOWN CLERK

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 4, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.  
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room "A"

**PRESENT:** First Selectman Burke and Selectman Szatkowski

First Selectman Burke called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### Presentation of recommended FY 2009-2010 budgets to the Board of Finance

First Selectman Burke presented the Board of Selectmen recommended budget for FY 2009-2010:

	Budget 2008-2009	Requested 2009-2010	Recommendation 2009-2010
#100 Selectmen	\$188,423	\$186,222	\$186,222
#110 Treasurer	\$6,750	\$6,750	\$6,750
#120 Finance Department	\$336,216	\$345,889	\$336,216
First Selectman Burke advised that this includes a reduction to 120-101 Comptroller's Salary of \$9,673.			
#130 Town Clerk	\$208,007	\$211,147	\$211,147
# 140 Assessor	\$180,426	\$201,007	\$185,407
First Selectman Burke advised that this includes a reduction of \$15,600 (eliminates the request to turn the part-time position into a full-time position).			
#150 Tax Collector	\$174,425	\$181,525	\$181,525
# 160 Professional Services	\$181,380	\$176,380	\$176,380
#170 Probate Office	\$2,650	\$2,650	\$2,650
#180 Building Inspection	\$196,155	\$206,059	\$206,059
#190 Data Processing	\$134,388	\$134,388	\$134,388
#200 Social Services	\$56,521	\$56,521	\$58,188
#210 Town Insurance	\$732,403	\$759,699	\$759,699
#220 Fleet Maintenance	\$311,550	\$314,751	\$314,751
#230 Public Works	\$321,979	\$297,287	\$297,287
#240 Highway Department	\$1,529,692	\$1,549,351	\$1,549,351
#250 Planning & Zoning	\$192,316	\$201,184	\$201,184
#260 Building Maintenance	\$680,006	\$619,564	\$619,564

#270	Tree Warden	\$83,700	\$84,400	\$84,400
#290	Emergency Mgmt.	\$38,538	\$28,500	\$28,500
#300	Fire Marshall	\$83,161	\$86,310	\$86,310
#310	Bethel Fire Department	\$163,850	\$183,400	\$180,200
First Selectman Burke advised that this provides for a reduction of \$3,200 to 310-301 Dues & Education.				
#320	SHFD Hill Fire Dept.	\$155,450	\$140,450	\$140,450
#330	Registrar of Voters	\$79,886	\$77,486	\$77,486
#340	Town Brds & Comm	\$109,448	\$108,017	\$108,017
#350	Health Department	\$253,457	\$260,711	\$260,711
#360	Police Department	\$3,412,978	\$3,479,041	\$3,455,641
First Selectman Burke advised that this provides for a reduction of \$23,400				
#380	Parks & Recreation	\$913,202	\$902,166	\$902,166
#390	Employee Benefits	\$4,272,996	\$4,441,154	\$4,441,154
#400	Non Gov't Agency Sub.	\$-0-	\$40,518	\$13,871
First Selectman Burke advised that they reduced the request by \$26,647; this provides funding of \$13,871 to Hospice of \$2,500, Veterans Holding Company \$5,000 and New Opportunities of \$6,371.				
#405	Intra Gov't Agency Sub.	\$426,483	\$389,214	\$369,214
First Selectman Burke advised that this represents a reduction of \$20,000 to 405-349 Visiting Nurse Association				
#410	Util., Charges & Ser.	\$2,340,078	\$2,115,227	\$2,115,227
#420	Misc. Chrges & Transfers	\$386,574	\$320,574	\$320,574
#430	Senior Center	\$128,018	\$132,584	\$130,584
First Selectman Burke advised that they made a reduction of \$2,000 to 430-317 Activities				
#435	Library	\$744,430	\$737,618	\$737,618
#440	Debt Service	\$3,956,602	\$4,187,023	\$4,187,023
#450	Board of Education	\$36,567,417	\$37,181,750	\$36,567,417
First Selectman Burke advised that they made a reduction of \$614,333 which equates to a zero increase over the current budget. When questioned about how this reduction was reached, he advised that the reduction was based on a number of factors like the economy, revenue shortfalls on both the local and state levels, decrease to the grand list; etc. He offered that it would be irresponsible in this economy to put forth anything above a zero increase.				
#460	BOE – Bldg. Maintenance	\$350,829	\$336,406	\$336,406

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:24 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

*Wendy Smith*  
Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary